

## **REMARKS**

The Examiner is thanked for the performance of a thorough search.

Claims 1, 7, 10, 14, 16-19, 25, 28, 32, and 34-36 have been amended. No claims have been added or canceled. Thus, Claims 1-36 are pending in the application.

### **I. SUMMARY OF THE REJECTIONS/OBJECTIONS**

As a preliminary matter, receipt of the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review is acknowledged. Figs. 5C-5G, 8, 9, and 12 were objected to under 37 CFR 1.84(g) for having unacceptable top, left, and right margins. Figs. 7B, 8, and 9 were objected to under 37 CFR 1.84(l) for having lines, numbers, and letters that were not uniformly thick and well defined, clean, durable, and black.

Claims 1-36 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Number 6,397,117 B1 by Burrows et al. ("Burrows") in view of U.S. Patent Number 6,058,262 by Kawas et al. ("Kawas").

Claims 1-36 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Number 6,662,221 B1 by Gonda et al. ("Gonda").

Claims 1, 7, 10, 14, 16-19, 25, 28, 32, and 34-36 have been amended to more distinctly claim aspects of the invention.

### **II. RESPONSE TO OBJECTIONS/REJECTIONS NOT BASED ON THE PRIOR ART**

The corrected drawings, included herewith, correct informalities identified in the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review. No new matter has been added. Approval of the corrected drawings is hereby requested.

### **III. INTERVIEW SUMMARY**

The Examiner is thanked for the telephone interview of April 26, 2004. The interview was between Examiner Thong H. Vu and Applicants' Attorney, Christian A. Nicholes. In the interview, the Examiner agreed that Claims 1-36 as amended herein are patentable over *Burrows* and *Kawas* under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), and over *Gonda* under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e).

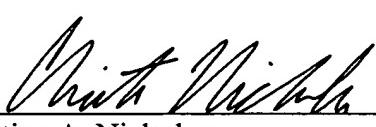
### **IV. CONCLUSION**

For the reasons set forth above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the pending claims are now in condition for allowance. Therefore, the issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance is believed next in order, and that action is most earnestly solicited.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is believed that such contact would further the examination of the present application.

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